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# H. RES. 232

Establishing a Select Committee on Medical Research.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SWEENEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Rules

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## RESOLUTION

Establishing a Select Committee on Medical Research.

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.**

3       There is established a select committee to be known  
4 as the Select Committee on Medical Research (hereinafter  
5 in this resolution referred to as the “select committee”).

6       **SEC. 2. FUNCTIONS.**

7       The select committee shall conduct a thorough and  
8 complete study of—

9               (1) the effectiveness of public/private (including  
10 universities, foundations, and industries) partner-  
11 ships in the advancement and funding of medical re-  
12 search;

1           (2) intellectual property issues arising from the  
2       advancement of medical research and research tech-  
3       niques;

4           (3) ethical and social issues arising from ad-  
5       vancements in medical research;

6           (4) regulatory barriers to the performance of  
7       medical research and to the dissemination and appli-  
8       cation of research findings; and

9           (5) other important issues relating to medical  
10      research.

11   The select committee shall not have legislative jurisdiction.

12   **SEC. 3. APPOINTMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.**

13       (a) MEMBERS.—The membership of the select com-  
14      mittee shall be appointed by the Speaker and shall be com-  
15      prised of the number of members he so appoints.

16       (b) VACANCY.—A vacancy in the membership of the  
17      select committee shall be filled in the same manner as the  
18      original appointment.

19       (c) CHAIRMAN.—The Speaker shall designate one  
20      member of the select committee as chairman.

21   **SEC. 4. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES.**

22       (a) AUTHORITY.—For purposes of carrying out this  
23      resolution, the select committee may sit and act during  
24      the present Congress at any time and place within the  
25      United States or elsewhere, whether the House is in ses-

1 sion, has recessed, or has adjourned and hold such hear-  
2 ings as it considers necessary.

3 (b) RULES OF PROCEDURE.—Clauses 1, 2 (including  
4 subpoena authority in paragraph (m)), 4, and 5 of rule  
5 XI of the Rules of the House shall apply to the select com-  
6 mittee.

7 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

8 (a) EXPENSES.—There are authorized to be  
9 appropriated such such sums as may be necessary for ex-  
10 penses of the select committee to carry out this resolution.

11 (b) STAFF AND TRAVEL.—In carrying out its func-  
12 tions under this resolution, the select committee may—

13 (1) appoint, either on a permanent basis or as  
14 experts or consultants, any staff that the select com-  
15 mittee considers necessary;

16 (2) prescribe the duties and responsibilities of  
17 the staff;

18 (3) fix the compensation of the staff at per  
19 annum gross rates that do not exceed the highest  
20 rate of basic pay, as in effect from time to time, of  
21 level V of the Executive Schedule in section 5316 of  
22 title 5, United States Code;

23 (4) terminate the employment of any such staff  
24 as the select committee considers appropriate;

1           (5) reimburse members of the select committee  
2           and its staff for travel, subsistence, and other nec-  
3           essary expenses incurred by them in the performance  
4           of their functions for the select committee, other  
5           than expenses in connection with any meeting of the  
6           select committee held in the District of Columbia;  
7           and

8           (6) obtain detailees or staff from the executive  
9           or legislative branch of the Government, who shall  
10          be deemed staff of the select committee.

11          (c) EXPIRATION.—The select committee shall cease  
12          to exist at the close of the 107th Congress.

13       **SEC. 6. REPORTS AND RECORDS.**

14          (a) REPORTS.—The select committee shall submit to  
15          the House reports setting forth its findings and rec-  
16          ommendations.

17          (b) FILING OF REPORTS.—Any report made by the  
18          select committee when the House is not in session shall  
19          be filed with the Clerk of the House.

20          (c) REFERRAL OF REPORTS.—Any report made by  
21          the select committee shall be referred to the committee  
22          or committees that have jurisdiction over the subject mat-  
23          ter of the report.

24          (d) RECORDS, FILES, AND MATERIALS.—(1) Upon  
25          dissolution of the select committee, the records, files, and

1 materials of the select committee shall be transferred to  
2 the Clerk of the House.

3       (2) If any equipment is purchased by the select com-  
4 mittee, then upon its dissolution, the Chief Administrative  
5 Officer shall make such equipment available to Members,  
6 committees, or other entities of the House, under the di-  
7 rection of the Committee on House Administration.

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